

### Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the outstanding Office Action. Claims 1, 4-32 and 35-38 are presently pending. Claims 1, 5-6, 31 and 38 have been amended. Claims 2 and 34 have been cancelled to expedite prosecution.

Claims 14-30 are allowed.

Claims 2, 5-10 and 34-36 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 4, 31-32 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,954,091 (*Wurzer*).

Claims 12-13 are rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wurzer* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,650,141 (*Arawal et al.*).

#### I. Rejection of Claims 1, 4, 31-32 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1, 4, 31-32 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Wurzer*.

While the applicant's attorney disagrees with the Examiner's rejection, claims 1, 31 and 38 have been amended to include many of the limitations of claim 2 and 34. Therefore, claims 1, 4, 31-32 and 38 are believed allowable.

Therefore it is respectfully requested that the rejection to claims 1, 4, 31-32 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) be withdrawn.

#### II. Rejection of Claims 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 12-13 are rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wurzer* in view of *Arawal et al.*

Claims 12-13 depend from claim 1 and therefore are patentable for at least the reasons stated above in regard to claim 1.

Therefore it is respectfully requested that the rejection to claims 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn.

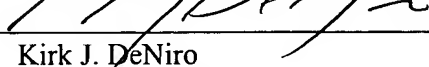
Based on the above amendments and these remarks, reconsideration of claims 1, 4-32 and 35-38 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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